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Manchester to host COVID clinic, partners with local organizations

Up to 500 members of the Manchester University community can be accommodated at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic next week. Manchester is teaming up with the Wabash County vaccine clinic, which is a partnership of the City of Wabash, the Wabash County Emergency Management Agency, the Town of North

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Local leaders respond to state's lifting of the mask mandate

County, hospitals will still retain requirement, while the city supports change to advisory

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Early this week, the state's mask mandate was changed to a mask advisory, and local leaders have taken differing positions on whether or not they would continue their requirements in response.

Late last month, Gov. Eric

Holcomb announced this change would take effect Tuesday, April 6.

Face coverings will remain mandatory in all state buildings and facilities and all vaccination and COVID testing sites until further notice. K-12 schools will continue under current requirements through the remainder of the

2020-21 school year, said press secretary Rachel Hoffmeyer.

Hoffmeyer said local governments, private businesses and other entities may institute more stringent guidelines.

To that end, Wabash County Board of Commissioners chairman Jeff D. Dawes said at Monday's regular meeting that they would continue to follow the previous mandate. "Although Gov. Holcomb

has changed the current mask mandate to a mask advisory effective April 6, Wabash County government will continue to follow the mandatory face-covering requirement which remains in place for all state buildings and vaccination and COVID-19 testing sites," said Dawes.

Dawes said the current mask-wearing requirements for county employees and visitors in all county build-

ings are expected to remain in place through at least May 10.

Meanwhile, Mayor Scott Long said on Monday that he supported Holcomb's decision, but that caution was still warranted.

"The mask advisory encourages people to wear masks when in large crowds, enclosed stores and areas where social distancing

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Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, meets with local business leaders Monday at the Grow Wabash County offices.

Todd Young checks in with local business community

Indiana senator joins discussion Monday at Grow Wabash County

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Senate is currently out of session for a state work period until Friday, and Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, took some time out of his

schedule to meet with local business leaders Monday at the Grow Wabash County office.

"We're very pleased that the senator thought highly enough of us to be willing to come to the beautiful, historic Wabash to chat with us," said Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana president and CEO Bill Kohnya. "He's really committed to business."

Young said he was interested in trying to figure out what he could do

"from a public policy standpoint" to help the business community.

Young said he was proud of the work he had done over the past few years regarding regulatory and tax reform, but that he was "concerned" that "much of that handiwork will be undone in the coming months and years."

"I'll do my part to stay vigilant," said Young.

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Babe of Wabash County prepares for its grand opening

Donations still being accepted for the new support center for children and families

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Preparations have been winding up as the big day for Babe of Wabash County approaches.

On Tuesday, executive director Katey Till said they were finally planning on opening their doors to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 for

a community open house, and again from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 for May's First Friday. Till said Babe of Wabash County originally planned to open its doors in January with a tentative grand opening set for First Friday on Feb. 5, but that date was ultimately moved back to give them time to prepare.

"After nearly two years of preparation, as well as weathering the odds of starting a new nonprofit during a global pandemic, we are beyond excited to finally and officially greet the public,"



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The Wabash County United Fund brought teaching tools and toys to Babe of Wabash County.



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Marion Philharmonic Orchestra presents ‘Woodwind Quintet’ performances – coming soon

Both concerts will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 and also Sunday, April 18

STAFF REPORT

Many Marion Philharmonic Orchestra supporters, as well as, Grant County community members enjoyed the two outdoor ensemble concerts last fall: The strings concert at Upland’s Depot Park and the marimba concert, also at the Depot Park, according to board vice president LaRea Slater.

“If you enjoyed those concerts, you will enjoy the ‘Woodwind Quintet’ concerts that are planned for the next two weekends,” said



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Chris Bade, Taylor University professor of music, plays the clarinet.

Slater.

Both concerts will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 and Sunday, April 18.

These two free concerts, with donations encouraged, will be held at one of the newer venues in Marion: the Sender Building, in the Reception Room at 100 S. Washington St.

Musicians participating will be Trudy Whitford on flute, George Donner on oboe, Chris Bade on clarinet, Mike Trentacosti on bassoon and Suzanne Rice on the horn.

Masks are encouraged and In keeping with social distancing, the same concert will be presented two times to keep audiences small.

Concert-goers will need to visit mpomarion.org to make the required reservation for whichever date they prefer or call 765-662-0012 or email mpo.marion@gmail.com

PULSE

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Manchester and Parkview Wabash Hospital. The MU clinic will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, for the first dose, and 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, for the second dose, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

Woman’s Clubhouse plans April luncheon and program

The Woman’s Clubhouse will host Bill Plummer for the Tuesday, April 13 luncheon and program at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon with the program on the Turpentine Creek Animal Sanctuary. The MSD retired teachers are hosting this event called, “Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!” Reservations for the lunch are due by Friday, April 9 by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave., The program will be given by Northern District director Andrienne Berger on Civil War music. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of

each month, with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more info, call 260-563-3511.

Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening. The purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S.Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more info, call 765-661-8206.

Wabash Art Guild Members’ Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members’ Art Show will be on display through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more info, call 260-563-7690.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of “Play On!” by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more info, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com

Shop Hop in Downtown Wabash runs through April

Wabash Marketplace’s Shop Hop” in downtown Wabash takes place Thursday, April 1 through Friday, April 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars. Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to one of the participating shops or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, April 30. The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are: Borders & Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.; Downtown Nutrition, 70 W. Market St.; Ohh My! Cakes, 2 W. Market St.; and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at

www.wabashmarketplace.org. The winner will be selected the week of Monday, May 3.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District’s annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash’s Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester’s would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close “promptly” at 1 p.m. on both days.

Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Siders by email at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

INDOT to begin Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework


The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer


Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF files.


5-Day Weather Summary




Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
76 / 58




Thursday
Few Showers
68 / 51



Friday
Partly Cloudy
70 / 50




Saturday
Chance T-storms
66 / 45




Sunday
Partly Cloudy
65 / 47

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset 8:13 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:16 a.m.




New
4/11



First
4/20



Full
4/26



Last
5/3

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 76°, humidity of 53%. South southeast wind 7 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 58°. South southeast wind 11 to 15 mph.

YOUNG

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At the outset, Young said he wanted to highlight two pieces of legislation he was involved with.

The first was the Endless Frontier Act, which was unveiled by Young in May 2020 along with Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, Rep. Ro Khanna, D-California, and Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Wisconsin.

Young said this was a national security bill, but that it “has a very direct relationship to the future economic growth and dynamism of America’s economy.”

Young said the bill would propose significant increases in investment in basic research and development, and also fund investments in tech hubs “across the heartland where there is already an existing pipeline of talent and ... expertise.”

Young said with its existing emphasis on genomics, life sciences and manufacturing “Indiana could have one of these tech hubs.”

Young said he expected this legislation will hit the floor of the Senate end of April or early May and “stands a great chance of passage.”

“Republicans and Democrats who don’t seem to agree on a whole lot can find common ground,” said Young. “I think the spillover benefits to businesses and startups are obvious.”

Young said the second piece of legislation he

wanted to highlight was the American Innovation and Jobs Act, which he debuted last month along with Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-New Hampshire, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nevada, Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebraska.

Young said this bill would be a bipartisan change to the tax code which would increase the research and development deduction available and also offer it to businesses that have not reached profitability.

“I am focused intently on finding creative ways to grow jobs,” said Young.

During the discussion section of the event, Young said President Joe Biden’s proposed infrastructure bill was “pretty damn big.”

Young said the biggest challenge of this bill was not what we’re spending money on, but how it was paid for.

“We all want to invest robustly in infrastructure,” said Young. “On the margins there will be some very important distinctions. Democrats are more enamored with green technology investments than so many Republicans.”

Young said some of his Democratic colleagues wanted to “increase the corporate rate and borrow the rest.”

“Even some Democrats are apprehensive about that,” said Young.

Young said that Biden’s bill was just a suggestion and the real work would be done in Congress, where skepticism over what con-

stitutes infrastructure remained.

“I’m going to have trouble with the president’s multi-billion-dollar suggestion especially since a lot of it doesn’t seem to relate to infrastructure,” said Young. “Senior care is important ... but is that infrastructure? Most would say no.”

Young said he remained concerned about the growing national debt and “all the unrelated junk that’s going to be paid by our children and grandchildren.”

“We do need to make certain key investments in human capital and hard infrastructure, but we also need to be very responsible,” said Young. “We need to spend this money like it’s our own because it is.”

In conclusion, Young said that even though there were substantive disagreements with the members of the other party, they were all working in good faith toward the same goals.

“There are principled disagreements about this issue obviously in Washington. But, don’t always mistake that principled disagreement for complete cancellation and hostility towards people on the other side of the aisle,” said Young. “We’ve got American patriots who are Republicans and Democrats and independents and everything else. I know you get the most clicks on the internet and the most coverage on cable TV if you’re a yeller and sometimes even a hater but I think our biggest vulnerability right now as a country is tribalism that we see.”

MASKS

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cannot be practiced. Continued personal hygiene of frequent hand-washing and hand-sanitizing is a must,” said Long.

Long said he was “somewhat concerned that this is occurring as families travel the country on spring break,” but that he still was in favor of the change.

“I am not opposed to the governor’s order to lift the mask mandate in favor of a mask advisory,” said Long.

Long said he was relying on the relatively fewer number of cases locally, but that if things changed dramatically, he would revisit his decision.

“I remain cautiously optimistic that we are continuing down the right path, however, I reserve the right to implement measures, to protect citizens and visitors alike, should our positivity rate increase,” said Long.

Long said he was particularly concerned about the

recently reported variants of the COVID-19 virus that have been found in other parts of the country.

“Should these variants reach Wabash, we may need to return to previous measures. I will continue to monitor data and consult with health officials on all future decisions,” said Long.

On the same day, local hospitals said they would continue to require masks in their facilities, despite the lifting of the mandate.


“Parkview Health will continue to require masks in all our facilities, including the COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Parkview Mirror Center for Research and Innovation, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CD) recommendations for healthcare providers. We appreciate everyone who continues to follow our universal masking policies for the safety of our patients, visitors and co-workers,” said public relations manager Tami Brigle. “Additional-

ly, Parkview still strongly encourages the use of masks in public settings. Until more individuals are vaccinated, masks are one of the best tools we have to reduce the spread of COVID-19.”

Lutheran Health Network (LHN) director of community relations and strategic events Joy Lohse said they agreed.

“LHN will continue to follow all CDC guidelines for COVID-19, including masking. All visitors and staff are required to wear masks inside LHN hospitals and clinics. All safety efforts remain in place. The community’s ongoing support is appreciated,” said Lohse. “LHN urges all to continue wearing masks and adhering to the recommended safety measures including masking, social distancing, practicing hand hygiene, and receiving the vaccination.”

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Obituaries

Rod Frank

March 11, 1952 – April 5, 2021

Rod Frank, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus at 1 a.m., Monday, April 5, 2021, at his home in Wabash. He was born on March 11, 1952, in Wabash, to Russell “Bud” and Bernice (Alber) Frank.

Rod married Renee Boardman on June 1, 1974, in Wabash. He worked 44 years at Ford Meter Box. Rod was a member of New Life Baptist Church in Wabash, lifetime member of the NRA, and former member of Wabash Wildlife and Sportsman Association. He enjoyed welding, steel fabrication, gardening, and tinkering around.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Renee Frank of Wabash, two children, Abby (Josh) Rhoads of Indianapolis, Indiana, Bradley (Kayla) Frank of Wabash, six grandchildren, Kami Frank, Tyce Frank, and Kasen Frank, all of Wabash, Owen Rhoads, Isaac Rhoads, and Asher Rhoads, all of Indianapolis, three sisters, Beverly (Charles) Kelley, Marsha (Erik) Herendeen, Bonnie (Mark) Keen, all of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gary Frank.

We have unspeakable joy knowing that Rod is no longer suffering, and he is in Heaven. We know that he is in Heaven, not because he went to church, not because he did kind things for people, or because he was an amazing dad, husband, and brother, he’s in Heaven because he believed the Bi-



ble, in that none of his good works could save him from the punishment we deserve for our sins. He knew he needed a Savior, the One to take the penalty of his sins and who overcame that death penalty through His resurrection that so many of you heard recently on Easter. Rod trusted in Jesus Christ for his salvation, the redemption of his sins, and the proof of his faith was evident in how he lived his life through his kind and humorous heart, and his desire to honor God in all things.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 9, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Scott Johnston officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is New Life Baptist Church.

The memorial guest book for Rod may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Esta C. Wheatley

June 17, 1941 – April 2, 2021

Esta C. Wheatley, 79, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died 1:44 pm, Friday, April 2, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born on June 17, 1941, in Bedford, Indiana, to Ralph and Margaret (Colburn) Pannell.

Esta married William Oliver “Bill” Wheatley on April 18, 1962, he died on June 6, 2011. She was a 1960 graduate of Frankfort High School. Esta was the owner of Hoosier Point Restaurant for 21 years, Shoes for You in downtown Wabash, and was also Chief Deputy and Matron at the Wabash County Jail for three years. She was a member of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Wabash and Laketon American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed traveling, reading, watching nature, and especially had a passion for her Lord.

She is survived by four children, Todd (Dixie) Wheatley, Sheila (Glenn) Butcher, and Sandy (Bryan) Beeks, and her chosen daughter, Connie Rich, all of Wabash, seven grandchildren, Josh (Emily Airgood) Butcher and Tabitha (NathanWelch) Butcher, both of Warsaw, Indiana, Lauren Rich, Carson Rich, Connor Rich, Navon Sharp, Helen Butcher, and a great-grandson, Grayson Butcher, all



of Wabash, Indiana, brother, David Pannell of California. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and her grandson, Cody Beeks.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Thursday, April 8, 2021, at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, with Rev. Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday, at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash Conservation Club or Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church.

The memorial guest book for Esta may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

James Hashbarger

Feb. 20, 1942 – April 3, 2021

James E. “Jim” Hashbarger, 79, of Wabash, passed away at 8:25 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born in Frankfort, Indiana on Feb. 20, 1942 to the late Paul and Leila (Tomlinson) Hashbarger. Jim married Elaine Johnson on Oct. 14, 1989.

Jim was a 1960 graduate of Noble High School. He retired from Ford Meter Box in Wabash after 43 years of service. Year’s past, Jim loved to hunt, fish and just be outdoors. Most of all Jim loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Elaine, of Wabash; one son, James M. Hashbarger, of Wabash; four daughters, Lisa (Kent) Miller, of Macy, Teresa Jones, of North Manchester, Michelle (Bobby) Sinclair, of Milford



and Mary (Brian) Merrell, of Roann; one stepson, Eric (Kimberly) Lundmark, of Wabash; one brother, Billy Hashbarger, of Wabash;

sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Pastor Randy Myers officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, www.heart.org.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Joseph Whinery

Graveside services for Joseph Mark Whinery, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, were 11:00 am, Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Rev. Charles Dye officiated. Pallbearers were Matthew Moore, Colton Moore, Michael Rodriguez, Daniel Moss, Dan Prater,

Frank Nordman, and Richard Tait.

Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Military honors provided by the United States Air Force active duty honors team.

Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Pamela Green

Pamela “Pam” Green, 62, of rural Wabash, died Saturday, April 3, 2021, in

Fort Wayne, Indiana. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday, calling one hour prior.

Burial in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grand-

staff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Chaput book reminds us what’s worth living for

I just spent a few minutes in prayer outside of a Planned Parenthood clinic in lower Manhattan. A hazardous medical waste truck, familiar to some of us who regularly pray outside the clinic, was just getting loaded. Eleven boxes stacked up, just a little shorter

Kathryn Lopez



than me. They perform abortions at Planned Parenthood, so you can imagine at least some of what was in those boxes.

Margaret Sanger Square, at Bleecker and Mott streets, is a modern-day Calvary: a place of injustice where innocents die.

If you’ve ever spent time outside an abortion clinic, trying to offer alternatives to the young women who approach, you know that so many of them obviously don’t feel like they have a choice. And sometimes their boyfriends or mothers make sure there won’t be any considering life as you offer a word of love and help.

“Our lives matter,” Archbishop Charles J. Chaput appropriately writes in his new book, “Things Worth Dying For: Thoughts on a Life Worth Living.” It’s appropriate because it’s true, and because most of us don’t realize the full truth of it.

Many of those young girls and women have no idea how precious their lives are, never mind the lives of their unborn children. And it’s not that their lives matter because, say, they are in law school (as one young woman recently said, crying, as she walked into the clinic – she said she wanted a baby, but felt that would derail her potential career). Or because they have a boyfriend, or the right car, or whatever superficial guideposts the world encourages us to consider “success.”

Our lives matter, Chaput writes, because, “We rarely see the full effects of the good we do in this life. So much of what we do seems a tangle of frustrations and failures. We don’t see – on this side of the tapestry – the pattern of meaning that our faith weaves. But one day we’ll stand on the other side. And on that day, we’ll see the beauty that God has allowed us to add to the great story of his creation, the richness we’ve added to the lives of our family and friends, the mark for the better we’ve left on the world, and the revelation of his love that goes on from age to age, no matter how good or bad the times. We are each an unrepeatable, infinitely treasured part of that story.”

That’s the kind of hope that we are all too often missing these days. This “woke” business always seems to betray a longing for something more, and “cancellation” seems an attempt to eradicate all imperfections. I always wonder if the people doing the canceling of George Washington really want to be judged on their worst actions or decisions. I don’t want to be. Which is why I cling to God’s mercy.

In “Things Worth Dying For,” Chaput points out something that might help to reintroduce Christianity to a world that is (often reasonably) cynical. It might even be a reintroduction to Christians, who often forget that we’re all about the Trinity and the Beatitudes.

“The Christian life is not a self-help plan, a way to make ourselves perfect, but rather a way of life in which the One who is love enters us and transforms us,” he writes.

He quotes Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, who is now a Trappist monk: “It is crucial to see that the Christian life is not so much ‘me bringing Jesus into my life,’ by trying in some way to approximate his behavior and mentality, but as Jesus opening to me the

doors into his life and granting me a real share in the acts and intents of his heart. It is not I who make room for him in my endeavors. It is, rather, he who invites me to renounce all my endeavors in order to incorporate me into his human and divine origin, mission, destiny and life.”

Chaput talks about this time of year in the book. We move from Lent into what looks to be a failure, by human standards: Jesus’ crucifixion. And yet, that is the source of all Christian hope! At the Easter Vigil, Chaput writes, “we celebrate Jesus Christ’s tearing the gates of the underworld off their hinges, raising up Adam and Eve and the righteous dead. In the Exultet, we compare the Paschal Candle to the pillar of fire that led the Israelites to freedom. We rejoice that Christ is revealed as God and reigns as victor over humanity’s greatest enemy, death.”

At Easter, “Alleluia,” which means “praise the Lord,” is sung again and again. Pope Benedict XVI once wrote: “The Alleluia is like an initial revelation of what can and shall someday take place in us: Our entire being shall turn into one immense joy.”

That’s worth living and dying for. And that’s what God thinks all our lives are worth: being with Him eternally. Whatever you believe, Christians who truly live this are a good in the world for all.

Christians: We better get to it! Let’s show this with everything we do and are. All lives do, indeed, matter, including the vulnerable unborn and their mothers. Every one.

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U.S. jobs come roaring back, surprising employers and economists

By MICHAEL SASSO and LESLIE PATTON
Bloomberg News (TNS)

A resurgent job market is creating more opportunities at a faster clip than many economists and employers expected.

What’s more, too few people are applying for positions that are reopening, and that’s setting up a battle for talent. Restaurants and hotels are raising wages, offering bonuses for worker referrals or luring people from other states to cope with the shortage.

Many data watchers have

been caught off guard as improving weather, stimulus and a surge in vaccinations converge to boost the economy. Nonfarm payrolls rose by 916,000 last month, blowing away economists’ median estimate of a 660,000-job gain. Meanwhile, a measure of service-industry activity released this week saw the fastest growth on record in March, exceeding the highest estimate in a Bloomberg survey.

On Florida’s Captiva Island, Doug Babcock is considering hiring a temporary labor firm to fill roles at ‘Tween Waters Island Resort

and Spa and other resorts on neighboring Sanibel Island. Historically, workers have willingly driven up to an hour from the mainland for the promise of year-round work. This year, applicants are grilling him about drive times and taking jobs closer to home.

Next Phase

Economic data are rebounding better than expected because of a “superfec-ta” of positives colliding at once, Michael Skordeles, a senior U.S. macro strategist at Truist Financial Corp., said in an April 2 note.

“The resulting horsepower lifting the economy is unparalleled, particularly for jobs in the coming months,” he wrote.

Economists like Skordeles point to improving weather, more states lifting business restrictions, the vaccine roll-out and President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill as drivers.

Even before states like Texas and Mississippi reopened last month, job openings were surging – hitting a two-year high in February, data showed Tuesday.

“I think we’re getting to another phase in the reopen-

ing and that’s leading to a spurt in economic activity,” said Ryan Sweet, head of monetary policy research at Moody’s Analytics Inc.

Restaurant Wages

To get ahead of the competition for talent, Olive Garden parent Darden Restaurants Inc. is boosting pay to ensure all workers, tipped and untipped, earn at least \$10 an hour initially and \$12 by January 2023.

Many Applebee’s restaurants are offering \$3,000 bounties for manager referrals after the first six months, while some Arby’s locations

are paying \$500 referral bonuses up front.

“Our restaurants are literally busier than they’ve been in decades,” said Greg Flynn, whose Flynn Restaurant Group owns 2,355 restaurants including Applebee’s, Panera Bread and Taco Bell.

The worker shortage is especially apparent at Southern restaurants and hotels that have seen a spring-break surge of activity in states that reopened earlier than most, on top of a wave of spending from the \$1,400 federal stimulus payments that Congress passed in March.

Loving relationship stops short of intimacy

DEAR ABBY: I recently met a man, and I have fallen in love with him. He says he feels the same way and tells me often that I treat him better than anybody ever has.

Unfortunately, when the time came to move our relationship to an intimate level, I found my attraction to him was one-sided. When I asked him why, he said he did not find me desirable because of my weight. He also mentioned that in the past he had always dated “Barbie dolls” who did him wrong, so he decided to look for something different, and that’s when he found me.

I don’t understand how you can love someone and not desire them. What are your thoughts? – One-Sided In Texas

DEAR ONE-SIDED: This man may love your many attributes – intelligence, honesty, sense of humor, etc. – but he is not in love. If you want a romantic relationship, you need to find someone who values you for yourself – inside and out. Give him marks for honesty and send him back to his barbie dolls because you deserve better, and he deserves more of the same.

DEAR ABBY: While I was battling cancer, my husband vanished into thin air with all our money. It has been years now, and we finally were divorced, but I have never been able to get over what he did to me. Talking to professionals helped some, but I still wonder what happened.

We were together for 20 years. I was left in a remote part of Alaska to fend for myself when I could hardly get around after the surgery and radiation treatments. It’s like he wanted me dead. How can I possibly get over what I thought was the love of my life? – Can’t Let Go

DEAR CAN’T LET GO: Your husband may have been the love of your life, but the love of HIS life was ... him. That he not only ran when the chips were down but cleaned out the bank account, leaving you battling a life-threatening illness, was beyond the pale. Why he did it was fear, weakness and lack of character.

Having prevailed over cancer and poverty, getting over your ex should be a cinch. However, finding the ability to trust again may be another matter, and no one would blame you if you couldn’t do it. An important step forward might be more counseling to help you cope.

DEAR ABBY: My friend has an adult child with a drug addiction. Sometimes when we are together, this child will call begging for money. My friend gives in every time. She feels terrible about doing it but can’t seem to say no. She has attended several Nar-Anon meetings, but no longer wants to go because she says it’s depressing. As a friend, what’s the best way to support her? – Her Caring Friend

DEAR FRIEND: Although those meetings may be “depressing,” they can also be enlightening if someone is open to it. Point out to your friend that even MORE depressing would be losing a child to addiction and knowing that she was the enabler. Then volunteer to attend meetings with your friend until she gains the strength to act responsibly.

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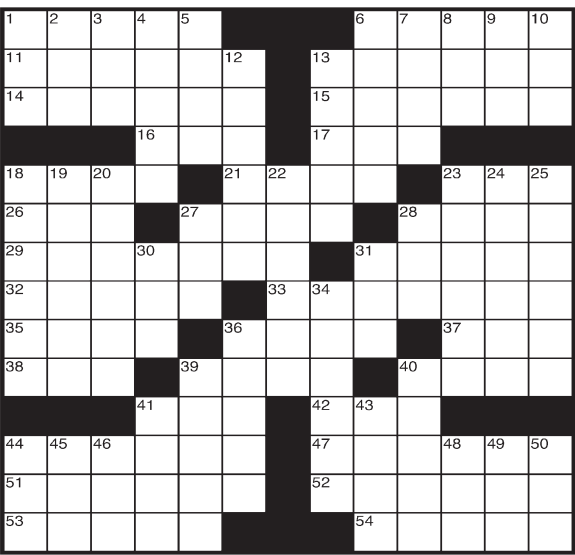
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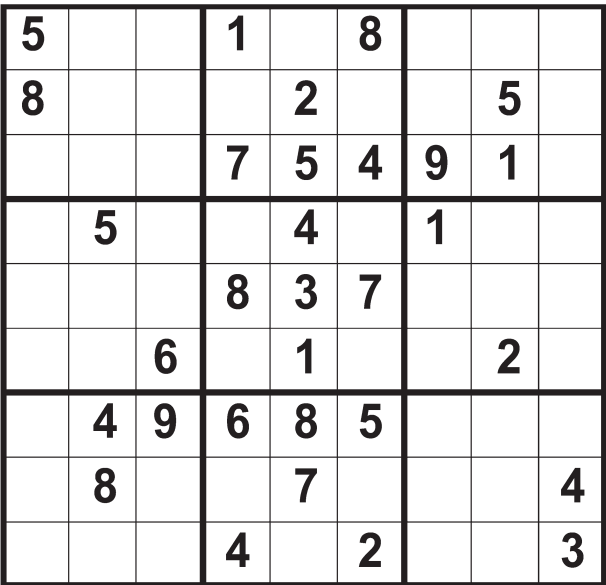
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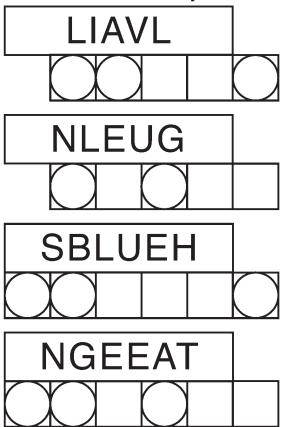
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.




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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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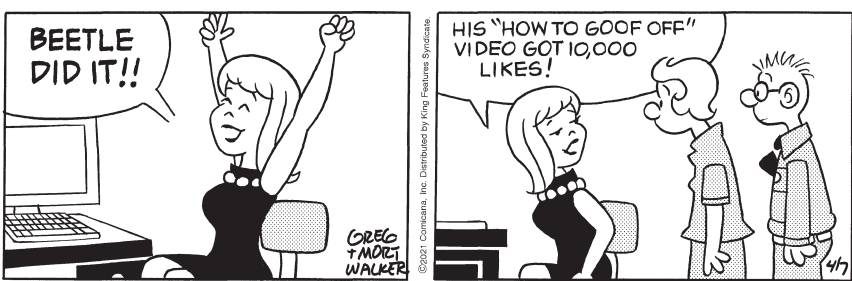
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By Bil Keane



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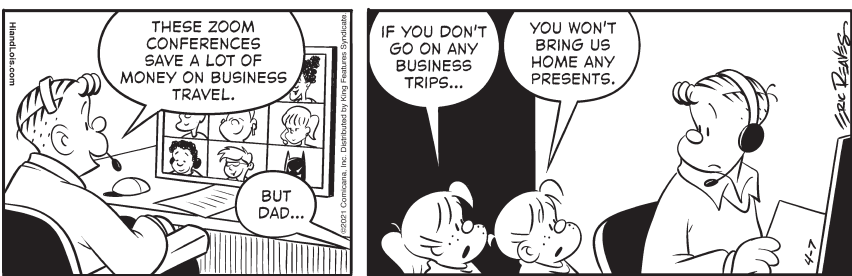
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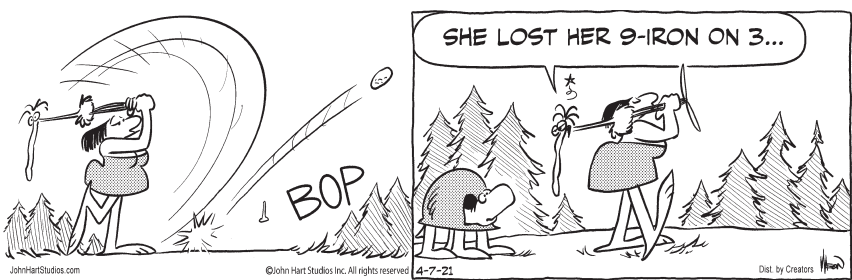
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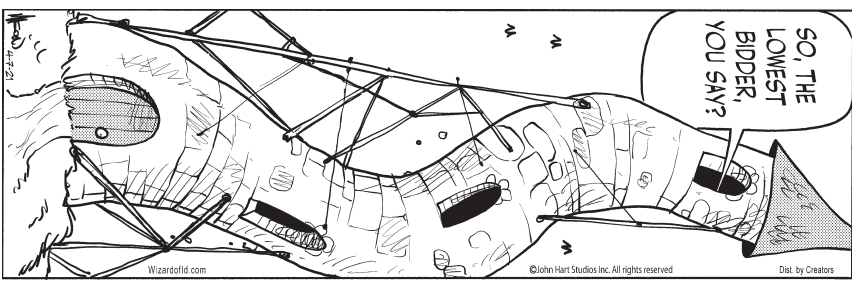
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Nothing dissolves loneliness like the Bible

Q: Is loneliness simply the outcome of being alone, and if so, what can people do to help others who experience such “aleness”? – B.A.

A: Loneliness can bring solitude. Many experience this overlooking the ocean where there is never a sound except the booming of the surf along rock-strewn shores. There is the loneliness of the prairie with only the occasional mournful howl of the coyote. The mountains broken only by the sighing of the wind can seem lonely. The sentry standing duty alone at an outpost, the thousands in mental institutions, and those in solitary confinement in prisons and concentration camps know the meaning of the loneliness of solitude. In his fascinating book, “Alone,” Admiral Richard

E. Byrd told about the time he spent in bewildering and soul-shattering darkness. He lived alone in a shack that was literally buried in the great glacial icecap that covers the South Pole. The days were as black as the nights. No living creature of any kind existed within a hundred miles. But he kept his mind challenged by thinking on good things.

There are some who never hear one word of encouragement. Loneliness comes to shut-ins and wealthy society personalities. Some hide behind smiles and others are

left with vacant eyes. We may not be able to go to the lonely because of distance, or other circumstances, but the joy of the lonely receiving handwritten letters in the mail can be better than a spoonful of medicine, especially when the message tells of a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Jesus Christ is that Friend who wants to come near and abide in the hearts of those who will receive Him as Savior and Lord. Nothing dissolves loneliness like reading God’s love letter, the Bible; His Word is good and true.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “Dawn and resurrection are synonymous. The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul.” — Victor Hugo

TODAY’S CLUE: C sgnbe F

Opinion

States that threaten companies over speech don't deserve their business

First, Republicans in Georgia clamped down on voting access in the state to suppress Black and brown voters. Then they defiled the First Amendment.

In a move that reflects an ever-broadening attack on American democracy and freedoms by the GOP at large, Georgia's Republican-led House voted Wednesday to strip Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines of a tax break worth tens of millions of dollars in retaliation for Delta CEO Ed Bastian's condemnation of the state's newly approved slew of voting restrictions.

The vote didn't eliminate the tax break – the state Senate adjourned before considering it – but the House action sent a clear and ominous message to Georgia and the nation.

Initially, it appeared Delta touted elements of the new laws, to the dismay of pro-voting advocates. However, facing public outrage, the company quickly disowned

statements suggesting support. Bastian stepped forward to proclaim the Georgia law “unacceptable” and “based on a lie that there was voter fraud.” Delta's criticism of the law was met with a convulsive and retaliatory reaction from the GOP-controlled state legislature, which voted to withdraw Delta tax incentives to punish the company for disagreeing with the GOP agenda.

The GOP lawmakers' message to other prominent Georgia companies couldn't have been clearer: We will use taxes to penalize any dissenters, so shut up and support us. This reaction by the Georgia GOP is the stuff of dictatorships: Comply with the rulers and get favors; dissent and you will suffer. Using the power of the state to control expression is a blatant assault on the First Amendment.

Tax breaks like these are not partisan goodies to be gifted to your political friends. They are tools to encourage economic development,

irrespective of party alliance or political views.

The new statutes, among other things: eliminate Sunday early voting to prevent the tradition of “souls to the polls,” popular among Black parishioners who bus from church to polling places after religious services; limit voting boxes; make it a crime to provide food or water to someone waiting in line; and give lawmakers outsized authority over local elections – power that used to be held by the independently elected secretary of state. Taken as a whole, the laws essentially hand control of elections to GOP lawmakers and grant them sweeping powers to limit and invalidate the votes of Black and brown Georgians.

The laws are an affront to democracy, and Delta did a responsible thing for its community and its state by denouncing them. Georgia-based Coca-Cola also has struck back, urging Congress to pass its sweeping voter access bill

and saying the company opposes any legislation that “would diminish or deter access to voting.” Delta's Bastian also called for passage of the congressional bill, saying the recent Georgia laws “could make it harder for many Georgians, particularly those in our Black and brown communities, to exercise their right to vote.”

We applaud these companies for sticking up for the vote, and we encourage others to follow suit in Georgia and numerous other states where the right to vote is under full assault by the GOP. That's shown in the 250-plus bills that have been filed by Republicans in an effort to essentially erase the 1964 Voting Rights Act.

Companies can make a difference in politics, as we saw several years ago when pressure from corporations helped defeat transphobic same-sex bathroom bills in North Carolina, Texas and elsewhere.

Georgia lawmakers may think tax breaks are a way to silence com-

panies, but they need to remember that their relationships with those companies are a two-way street. Companies can leave for another state, after all, and take their jobs and economic impact with them.

Speaking of which, we'd like to be the first to invite Delta, Coca-Cola and any other Georgia company that is fed up with the GOP's un-American behavior to resettle right here in Las Vegas. Not only do we value the right to vote, as our local and state leaders have shown by expanding voter rights in recent years, but we fully respect your right to express your beliefs, as guaranteed by the First Amendment. We appreciate robust discussion.

To the companies who stay put and fight the GOP for their communities, though, more power to them. The Republicans' abuses of power and misuses of governance cannot be tolerated.

This editorial was first published in the Las Vegas Sun.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

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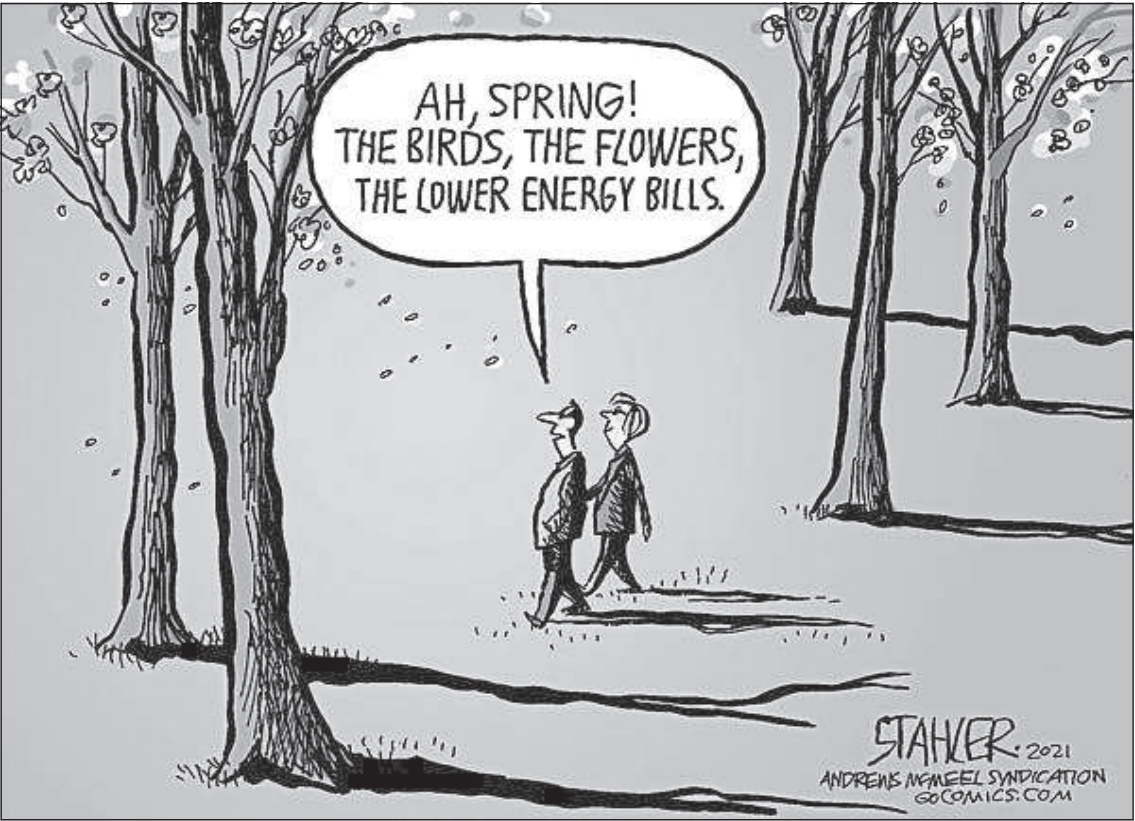
1 Peter 2:9

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coyotes play an essential role in healthy ecosystems

I am a humane policy volunteer for The Humane Society of the United States and I am writing in regards that Coyotes are members of the Canidae family, along with dogs, foxes, jackals and wolves. They serve an important role in our ecosystem by keeping rodent populations in check, cleaning up the environment by consuming dead animal carcasses, increasing biodiversity, removing sick animals from the gene pool and dispersing seeds. Indiscriminately killing coyotes in wildlife killing contests, like the event that occurred Dec. 6, 2020, in Williamsport, is counterproductive to effective wildlife population management and can instead result in more under-socialized coyotes that tend to have more conflicts with pets and livestock. I hope that the Natural Resources Commission will stop this senseless blood sport by ending wildlife killing contests in Indiana.

Susan Cable, LaFontaine



Hoosiers against wildlife killing contests

Wildlife killing contests are organized events in which participants compete to slaughter the most, the heaviest, or even the smallest animal in the name of cash and prizes. Indiana has been home to at least 18 of

these events in recent years, including a killing contest in Williamsport, where 60 coyotes were senselessly killed and their bodies discarded after the festivities came to a close. Killing contests disregard traditional hunting ethics and serve no legitimate wildlife management purpose. Indiscriminate killing of

coyotes and foxes will not control their numbers – and in the case of coyotes, it may reduce their populations temporarily, but the best available science demonstrates that the species will quickly respond with an increase in numbers. Research has also found that killing contests do not prevent conflicts with livestock

or pets nor increase the numbers of game species.

Seven states have already outlawed these cruel and wasteful events. The Indiana Natural Resources Commission should follow suit and ban wildlife killing contests.

Whitney Myers Wabash

Inflation is not our top problem

The decade following the Great Recession was a challenging one for that small group of economists who study the tradeoff between inflation and unemployment. Now, that might seem like an arcane, even intellectually distant, subject better fit for a medieval scholastic monk.

But, in reality, nearly everything the federal government or Federal Reserve does to buffer the effects of a recession are influenced by the tradeoff between unemployment and inflation.

Michael Hicks



One of the older relationships in economics is the Phillips curve, which measures the tradeoff between inflation and unemployment. The goal of much government policy during an economic downturn and recovery is not to get too much inflation or unemployment. So, this balance affects the size of a government stimulus and the degree to which the Federal Reserve will stimulate an economy.

However, the post-2009 period showed almost no inflation, despite a relatively large economic stimulus combined with very loose monetary policy. Economic models universally predicted some evidence of inflation as early as 2009 and certainly by about 2012. But, inflation just didn't materialize.

At the time, many economists, myself included, were concerned about the return of inflation. In this column I warned against its risks. I noted that inflation is unwelcome for many reasons. It increases interest rates on debt, of which the government holds a considerable amount. Inflation penalizes savers while helping borrowers of fixed-rate assets such as mortgages. This

causes mortgage rates to rise, slowing construction and the demand for goods. In the long run, inflation can slow an economy.

Inflation has a lengthy track record of fueling political discord, slowing economic growth and haphazardly redistributing wealth. Still, unemployment can be far worse, causing much deeper problems than typically thought to be the case. In recent decades, research into the effects of involuntary job losses, particularly by sociologists, reveal a much more malignant and long-term effect than previously thought. By 2009 economists had a much fuller understanding of the ill effects of unemployment and inflation than we did about the changing relationship between the two.

Despite considerable worry, there was no real evidence of inflation until about 2018. Even then it was historically mild and uneven, and interest rates rose only modestly in response. Without good explanations for the lack of inflation, the economic models of recessions and recoveries became almost valueless. To be fair, they may be of little value anywhere outside the Federal Reserve, which by 2020 was the last place in policy circles where economic ideas continued to flourish.

By 2019, economists had two good explanations for the lack of inflation in the decade following the Great Recession. One of these is good news, the other is pretty grim. Both explanations inform the size and type of stimulus today, so it is useful to understand them.

The first of these is simple. For inflation to occur, there must be an excess supply of money, along with an expectation of future inflation by workers and businesses. When I was a graduate student in the mid-late 1990s, we used an average of recent

inflation to approximate inflation ‘expectations.’ So, in statistical models, I’d simply use the average inflation of the past three months, or maybe three years, in my equations.

This approach worked well 25 years ago, but inflation has been in full retreat for almost 40 years. Today, a 55-year-old CEO remembers real inflation only from their early 20s. So, most people might realistically expect inflation to remain at 2.0 percent or less for the foreseeable future. Because businesses and workers don’t expect inflation, they don’t write contracts increasing prices and take little account of inflation risks. Thus, the actual risk of inflation is much smaller than it was at any time in recent decades. That is splendid news.

The second condition for inflation is the absence of meaningful ‘slack’ in the economy, mostly in employment. Typically, as the unemployment rate dropped very low, it would lead to inflation. That is the Phillips curve. The reason for this is that businesses feeling increased demand for their products or services would need to pay higher wages to hire more workers. Firms would also increase prices, the visible manifestation of inflation. If there was ‘slack’ or available workers, this would not happen.

The unemployment rate steadily dropped through the decade following the Great Recession, suggesting inflation was just around the corner. But, all during this time period, wages barely rose. Even as the unemployment rate hit historical lows, there was no rapid wage growth until 2019. While this is good news for inflation, it also means that the economy was in far worse shape in the wake of the Great Recession than most economists believed. It also meant that economists, myself included, misread inflation risks as

well as the overall quality of the recovery.

All this means that the old relationship between tight labor markets and inflation may not hold. More likely, even if it does, the traditional measures of labor market health, such as the unemployment rate have become a poor way to judge economic performance. All of this brings us to today’s debate about stimulus and the economy.

The enormous swings in economic data over the past few months have made it easy to build a false narrative about the economy. An honest assessment offers a grim picture. The nation has lost more than five years of job growth, and Indiana almost six. The plain fact is that the 2020 downturn was the worst since the Great Depression. If Indiana keeps adding jobs at the rate it did over the past six months, it will take a full 50 years to get back to 2019 levels of employment. Indiana actually lost jobs in February, so the happy chatter about the current economic recovery is either ignorance or deceit.

The economists advising Congress today must share two pretty clear conclusions with elected leaders. The first is that the economy remains in a precarious situation, poised not to fully recover for years. Second, inflation is at worst a distant threat. These two concerns are not a sufficient argument for the size or scope of the current stimulus. But, criticism of the stimulus that doesn’t acknowledge this evidence should not be taken seriously.

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0900

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Wabash County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the Wabash County Council will meet on Monday April 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. EST at the Wabash County Courthouse meeting room on the second floor to consider the following Additional Appropriation requests in excess of the budget for 2021.

Public Safety	
Other Services & Charges	\$200,000.00
Professional Services	
Firearm Fund	
Flares & Ammo	\$5,000.00
Tasers	\$5,000.00

4/1/2021
Wabash County Auditor
Marcie Shepherd

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0900

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Lagro Township Trustee, 285 Buchanan St, Lagro, In 46941 for a Pumper-Tanker fire truck. Sealed bids will be accepted by the Lagro Township Trustee at the Trustee's Office 285 Buchanan St, Lagro, In 46941 until 5:00 pm. local time on April 22, 2021. Bids received after 5:00pm., April 22, 2021 will remain sealed and will be returned to sender. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the Trustee's Office at 5:30 pm. on April 22, 2021.

Bids shall be prepared pursuant to specifications and shall be executed in accordance with a Non-Collusion Affidavit, an OSHA/IOSHA Regulations Signature Form, a Drug Free Workplace Signature Form, an Equal Opportunity Signature Form, an Origin of Supplies Signature Form, a United States Steel and Foundry Products Signature Form and a Certificate of Insurance, accompanied by a satisfactory bid bond payable to the Lagro Township Trustee for not less than ten (10%) of the total bid price, and delivered in a sealed envelope showing on its face the bidder's name, address, and character of the bid. Any bond submitted must be from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Indiana.

A bid may not be modified, withdrawn or canceled by the bidder for thirty (30) days following the time and date designated for the receipt of bids and all alternate prices shall be held by the bidder for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days following the receipt of bids. The Trustee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. The Trustee further reserves the right to reject all bids should the Trustee determine, in the opinion of the Trustee, based on the bids received that the contemplated cost of the fire truck is excessive.

The Pumper-Tanker fire truck shall be constructed and delivered pursuant to the specifications which are on file for public inspection, beginning March 24, 2021 at the Trustee's Office, 285 Buchanan St., Lagro, IN 46941. There will be a \$25.00 charge for each set of the plans and specifications, of which \$0.00 is refundable. Digital copies maybe provided without a fee subject to bidder request. Potential bidders who have any questions regarding the plans and specifications or the work to be performed should contact Trustee Eric Terrell at 260-571-3788.

After a contract is awarded, the firm to whom the contract is awarded shall have ten (10) days to enter a detailed contract with the Trustee. Failure to do so will cause the bid to be rejected.

Eric Terrell, Lagro Township Trustee

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0900

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO: 85C01-2103-EU-000025
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
JIM DEAN KROM, Deceased
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of March, 2021, CAROL A. KROM was appointed personal representative of the unsupervised estate of JIM DEAN KROM, deceased, who died on the 16th day of March, 2021.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 24th day of March, 2021.

Lori Draper, Clerk

Wabash Circuit Court

Attorney for the Estate:
R. P. Fisher
FISHER & IRELAND
65 West Canal Street
Wabash, Indiana 46982


HSPAXLP.03/31,04/07,2021

0900

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District, Wabash County, Indiana
Cash Fund Statement - 2020

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash Bal Jan. 1, 2020	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash Bal. Dec. 31, 2020
Governmental Activities	1	Solid Waste Mgmt. Fund	\$801,780.35	\$665,070.31	\$661,070.31	\$805,256.43
HSPAXLP.04/07/2021	GRAND TOTAL		\$801,780.35	\$665,070.31	\$661,070.31	\$805,256.43

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BABE

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said Till. “We cannot express how very blessed we are to be able to begin our journey as a brand new organization and the positive impact we plan to make in our county.”

Till said Babe of Wabash County was the recipient of a dollar-to-dollar \$50,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor that begins May 1 and ends Aug. 31.

“For every dollar we raise, our donor will match it up to \$50,000. Your donation will not only help us reach our goal of \$50,0000, but it will also provide a strong foundation for hundreds of children in our beloved community,” said Till.

Thanks to a gift of \$100,000 from a local donor late last year, and the guidance of the Community Foundation of Wabash County, Babe was able to purchase the home

at 88 W. Hill St. and receive assistance in establishing the incentive-based organization that will provide resources and educational programming for pregnant women and families with children between the ages of 0 to 5, according to development associate Melissa Ford.

Ford said there are two components to Babe of Wabash County: the store and educational classes. When families participate in activities that benefit their children, such as taking their children to the library or the doctor, they will receive a coupon from that vendor. Items at the Babe store including diapers, wipes and clothing can then be ‘purchased’ by families through the exchange of coupons. Ford said additionally, families will be able to take classes around topics like nutrition and parenting, and children will be able to take classes like Spanish storytime that help them become



Local students have been volunteering their time to get the building ready to open.

preschool and kindergarten ready.

Till said Babe of Wabash County had successfully submitted their 1023 application which means they are awaiting approval from the IRS on their 501c3 status.

Till said coupons are now available for distribution and they had received two large donations of clothing from Simply Peek, an online clothing store, and Babe of Whitley County.

“We have several brand named items including Nike, Adidas and Children’s Place,” said Till. “We are so excited to be partnering with the United Fund of Wabash County. The United Fund was given top-quality teaching tools and toys from different preschools in Indiana. The toys were brought over to Babe of Wabash County, where they will be used in classes and available for our patrons to use during play-

times.”

Till said four professional painters – Ashley Graves, Debbie Nordman, Angie De-laughter and Nancy New – contacted her to donate one full day of painting.

“Some of the painters continued to paint in the days after to finish the job,” said Till. “Four spaces in the Babe House received a fresh coat of paint. Our volunteer painters are the same artists who painted the Eagles Theatre”

Till said several volunteers, including students Wabash High School volunteered to help during their March workdays.

“They helped us prepare our building for volunteer painters and carpet cleaners,” said Till. “They returned three weeks later to help set up our store and educational areas.”

Till said once they opened, the hours would be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

Till said she invited the community to visit them

during their open house from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 when a tour, refreshments and crafts will be available.

Also, Till said Babe T-shirts will soon be available at the Wabash Visitor Center, 221 S Miami St., and at their booth on May’s First Friday for \$20.

Ford said Babe of Wabash County is 100 percent community-supported. If you are interested in donating to Babe or would like to become a coupon vendor, please contact Till by email at bbabeofwabashinc@gmail.com.

Donations to the Babe of Wabash County fund can be made online at cfwabash.org or by check, with Babe of Wabash County in the memo line, sent to the Community Foundation, 105 W. 2nd St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com

VACCINE

From page A1

As of Tuesday, 5,672 people had received their second dose in Wabash County, with 25 second doses having been administered locally on Tuesday alone. As of Tuesday, 7,966 people locally had received at least their first dose, with 23 of those having been administered Tuesday alone. As of Tuesday, for the single-shot vaccines, 235 people had been vaccinated through this method in Wabash, with 37 of those having been administered Monday alone. In all, as of Tuesday, 5,907 people had been fully vaccinated in Wabash County, with 62 of those having been fully-vaccinated Tuesday alone.

As of Tuesday, a total of 3,061,069 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 1,794,940 first doses and 1,266,129 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Hoosiers age 16 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. To schedule a vaccine, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance.

Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine become available.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, March 31 with information as of Wednesday, March 24.

During the latest update, in Wabash County:

- Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 50 staff positive cases.
- Peabody Retirement

Community in North Manchester reported 54 total resident positive cases, 14 total resident deaths and 125 staff positive cases.

- Wellbrooke of Wabash reported 35 total resident positive cases, 13 total resident deaths and 33 staff positive cases.
- Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 20 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.
- Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 29 staff positive cases.
- Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in La-Fontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths and 16 staff positive cases.
- Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported 51 total resident positive cases, eight total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.
- Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 13 staff positive cases.

School figures

The ISDH’s school dashboard was updated Monday, April 5 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 2. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 147 schools reported no cases, 1,933 reported one or more cases and 288 have not reported.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

- Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported 55 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.
- Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, nine total stu-

dent positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

- Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.
- Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Sharp Creek Elementary School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.
- O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported 12 total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Wabash Middle School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five teacher positive cases, 18 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Wabash High School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 17 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.
- Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported 17 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus

COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, April 2, a total of 431 tests were performed the previous week, with 99.3 percent being negative. There have been 5,337 total tests performed this semester, with 99.8 percent of them being negative. During that week, there were two self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus and none on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been 13 self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and seven self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

Local figures

- On Saturday, the ISDH reported one new local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,422, with 14,688 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 6.7 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 11.4 percent.

- On Sunday, the ISDH reported four new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,426, with 14,708 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 6.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 11.8 percent.
- On Monday, the ISDH reported two new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,428, with 14,705 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 5.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 13 percent.
- On Tuesday, the ISDH reported one new local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,428, with 14,708 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 4.2 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 12.9 percent.

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 669 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19

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Spartans open outdoor track and field season at Hanover

The women earned 96 team points while the men captured 82 team points

By DILLON BENDER

The 2021 spring outdoor track and field season kicked off on Saturday, April 3, for the Manchester University Spartans.

The Black and Gold opened the season at the Hanover Invitational. Both the men and women earned third-place team finishes in the highly competitive four-team event.

The women earned 96 team points while the men captured 82 team points. Rose-Hulman led both the men's and women's team scores with 109 and 116 points. Both the Hanover men and women placed second overall on Saturday with scores of 87 and 109 points. Franklin placed fourth with 57 and 27 team points.

The Spartans combined for eight event wins on Saturday afternoon.

Men's leaders

Conner Sherwin, from Pierceton and Whitko High School, won the hammer throw with a top distance of 46.81 meters (153' 7"). Sherwin also added a fourth-place finish in the discus (37.16m – 121' 11").

Brian Hochstetler, from Elkhart and Concord High School, took home top spot in the shot put, leading Saturday's field with a mark of 14.42m (47'

3 3/4"). Corey Nowlen, from Indianapolis and North Central High School, placed third in the shot put with a final mark of 12.84m (42' 1 1/2").

Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, won the 3000m steeplechase with a leading time of 9:45.02.

Tristen Bronaugh, from Crawfordsville, added an event win in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.65. He added a runner-up placement in the 200-meter dash (23.41) on Saturday.

Gabe Hendricks, from Fort Wayne and Bishop Luers, placed third in the discus throw with a mark of 38.52m (126' 04").

Zackary Freel, from South Whitley and Whitko High School, placed second in the high jump, clearing 1.75m (5' 8 3/4").

Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, and Connor Havens, from LaPorte, placed second and third in the 1500m with respective times of 4:10.29 and 4:10.46.

Manchester's 4x400 meter relay team of Zackary Freel, Ben Miles, Josh Dibley, and Greg Black placed third with a time of 3:46.30.

Women's leaders

Adelle Stanko, from Okemos, Michigan, won the long jump with a top

mark of 4.81m (15' 9 1/2"). Adelle added a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash (28.98).

Sarah Rohr, from Rochester, won the women's 3000m steeplechase with a time of 14:10.30.

Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, won the 1500m, crossing the tape at 5:06.89.

Hannah Brubaker claimed the top spot in the 5000m with a leading time of 19:10.26.

Erica Morh, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, placed second in the hammer throw with a final mark of 40.97m (134' 5").

Kendal Garringer, from Portland, and Jay County High School, placed third in the high jump after clearing 1.51m (4' 11 1/2").

Tanner Greenholt, from Lowell, placed third in the shot put following a final hurl of 10.35m (33' 11 1/2").

Elizabeth Russell, from Columbia City, placed third in the 100m hurdles, crossing the tape with a time of 18.01.

Brooke Bouwens, from Clarksville, Michigan, and Lakewood High School, earned a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash, crossing the finish line at 13.93. Bouwens added a runner-up placement in the 400m hurdles (1:13.74).

The 4x400 meter relay teams of Brooke Bouwens, Morgan Chupp, Sara Lopez-Ochoa, and Sydney Young placed second overall on Saturday with a time of 4:32.07.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester baseball picks up a pair of wins this weekend

Spartans travel to Anderson today

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team went 2-2 this holiday weekend after splitting doubleheaders with Bluffton and Earlham.

Weekend slate

Friday, April 2 at Manchester:

■ Bluffton defeated Manchester 14-3.

■ Manchester defeated Bluffton 7-3.

Saturday, April 3 at Earlham:

■ Earlham defeated Manchester 9-1.

■ Manchester defeated Earlham 10-6.

Manchester earned a pair of victories over the weekend, downing Bluffton 7-3 on Friday and beating Earlham in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader 10-6.

In Manchester's win over Bluffton, Austin Knowles, from Nassau, Bahamas, and Athens Christian High School in Georgia, collected three of Manchester's 13 hits in the game. Knowles scored twice. Michael Pinarski, from Goshen, went 2-5 at the plate with 3 RBI in the

win. Alex Morr, Jacob Van Pelt and Brady Perez all had two hits.

Keegan Stevens, from Rensselaer and Rensselaer Central High School, came in relief to earn his third pitching victory of the spring, throwing 2.1 innings of 2-hit ball. Pinarski came in and earned his second save of the year.

After dropping a 9-1 decision to Earlham in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Spartans rebounded for a 10-6 victory in the second game of the day.

The Spartans plated nine runs in the top of the 7th to seize control of the contest. 2-run doubles by Zach White, from Logansport, and Brett Kron, from Cincinnati, Ohio, and Oak Hills High School, jump-started the offensive outburst for the Spartans. Michael Pinarski capped the big frame with a 3-run homer to left.

Pinarski got the start in game two on Saturday and earned the pitching victory while Keegan Stevens was credited with a save.

Manchester (9-10 HCAC) will travel to Anderson on Wednesday, April 7, for a 4 p.m. midweek contest.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Spieth a winner again heading to Augusta

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Jordan Spieth was a 20-year-old with a 30-year-old head on his shoulders when he first played the Masters and nearly won until Bubba Watson rallied over the last 11 holes to beat him.

Now he's a 27-year-old who has reason to feel much younger.

It's amazing what winning can do in golf, and the timing was never better for Spieth. He had gone 82 starts dating to the summer of 2017 since his last victory at the British Open, a slump so severe that even Spieth began to question if he would get back.

He answered that at the Texas Open with a two-shot victory that sent him to Augusta National with belief he's headed down the right road and the hardware to prove it.

"It's actually been a lot easier for me over the last 12 hours to just look forward versus looking back, I guess. That's exciting," he said.

Spieth arrived at midday as the first full day of practice was in full swing on an Augusta National course that was far different from when the world's best players were there five months ago for the pandemic-postponed Masters in November.

The azaleas were blazing. The greens already had that shine on them from an abundance of warm sunshine. The course is firm.

Billy Horschel realized that on the 15th hole when his second attempt to reach the green cleared the water and landed safely on the front portion of the green. Or so he thought. After he took 15 steps, the ball had trickled to the front. And a few seconds later, it had rolled all the way back into the water.

Dustin Johnson won in November at a record 20-under par, a record that Patrick Cantlay believes will be "pretty safe for many years to come."

"This week, I expect it to get really firm and fast, and I think that's when this golf course shines," Cantlay said.

Spieth seems to play it well in any condition. A year after he was runner-up in his 2014 debut,



Curtis Compton / Atlanta Journal-Constitution / TNS

A day after winning the Valero Texas Open, Jordan Spieth works with his swing doctor Cameron McCormick during practice Monday for the Masters.

"It felt more normal, that it felt like me and that's where I'm supposed to be and this is who I am."

JORDAN SPIETH
on winning the Texas Open

he went wire-to-wire to win by four. He was runner-up the following year – the infamous meltdown on the back nine when he lost a five-shot lead – and finished third in 2018.

And now he is moving closer, though still not there, to the player who reached had three legs of the career Grand Slam before he turned 24.

It hasn't been easy. Spieth attributed his fall to a combination of injury and ignorance, one being a bone chip is his left hand early in 2018, the other working on the wrong mechanics that sent him further away from where he needed to be.

He said he thought about a discussion he had with Tiger Woods the two approaches to the game. On one end of the spectrum is a player who doesn't clutter his mind with thoughts and just plays. Someone like Johnson would occupy

that territory, and Spieth once did.

"On the other side, you have an astute knowledge of exactly what you do well, why you do it and how to continue to do that," Spieth said recently. "Anywhere in the middle is tough. You don't know enough but you're overthinking a little more than it should. I feel like it took me awhile to cross that barrier to the other side."

"And once you go some of the way, you can't go back."

He now believes he knows enough about what he's doing and why that he is almost back to where he wants to be, without having arrived. He wasn't in total control at the Texas Open, but enough felt right that he won.

It got the attention in Las Vegas, where Westgate Superbook offered odds of 14-1 at the Masters. After his win, Spieth is at 10-1, trailing only Johnson as betting favorites.

He called that victory "monumental" during his television interview immediately after he won, and later joked that was an "aggressive" choice of words.

It was important because it had been too long since he last won, and because he could sense expectations

rising each time he went into the final round with a shot at winning. Spieth doesn't pay much attention to what gets said or written about him, but he is savvy enough to get a sense of it by the questions he gets.

He expected more emotions – he felt it only when he saw his wife, Annie – but instead it felt normal. That turned out to be a good sign, too.

"It felt more normal, that it felt like me and that's where I'm supposed to be and this is who I am," Spieth said.

He said he was considered older than his 20 years when he first came to the Masters because of the decisions he made. Now at 27, he thought about Phil Mickelson not winning his first major until he was 33, and Brooks Koepka winning the first of his four majors at 27.

"A lot of people's careers get started at 27 in this sport. So there's a lot of ways to look at it," he said. "I like the progress that I'm making. ... I'm going to work at trying to just be a little bit better than I was last week."

History is not necessarily on his side. Only four Masters champions won the week before, the last one Mickelson in 2006.

Manchester softball edged by nationally-ranked Transylvania to begin HCAC play

Spartans travel to Bluffton today

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester softball team opened Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play on Saturday afternoon against the preseason favorites to win the league, the No. 13 Transylvania Pioneers.

The Spartans hung tough with the Pioneers, as Transylvania edged MU in both games by final scores of 6-0 and 4-2.

■ **Game 1:** No. 13 Transylvania defeated Manchester 6-0.

■ **Game 2:** No. 13 Transylvania defeated Manchester 4-2.

First-year pitcher Tori Blough, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, did a solid job of slowing the Pioneer bats in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Blough kept the Pios off the scoreboard until the fourth inning. Transylvania tallied single runs in the fourth and fifth innings while plating two runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

TU pitcher Kameron Bowling was dominant in the pitcher's circle, striking out 16 Spartans.

Game 2 was close the entire contest, with the Spartans leading their nationally-ranked counterpart until the sixth inning.

The Black and Gold tallied single runs in the third and fourth frames. Alexis Mokos, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, drove in a run with a single down the line in right. An errant play by Transylvania allowed the second Manchester run to score.

Starting pitcher Lizzie Smith, from Indianapolis and Franklin Central High School, kept the Pioneer hitters off balance all game until TU broke through for four runs in the top of the sixth inning. The offensive surge was enough to secure the 2-run victory.

Manchester will travel to Bluffton on Wednesday, April 7, for a midweek doubleheader against the Beavers. The first pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester XC earns USTFCCCA team academic awards

By DILLON BENDER

The All-Academic Teams for the 2020 NCAA Division III cross country season were announced by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) on Thursday, April 1.

Both the Manchester men's and women's cross country squads earned all-academic team distinctions on Thursday. The men posted a team grade point

average of 3.42 while the women compiled a team GPA of 3.27.

To qualify for the All-Academic distinction, teams must have a cumulative GPA of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale, including the most recent grading period. Overall, there were 173 men's teams and 207 women's teams that received All-Academic honors in NCAA Division III.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.